

Appl. No. 09/760,935  
Amdt. Dated August 3, 2004  
Reply to Office action of May 3, 2004  
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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 10 and 16 Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

#### **Examiner Objections – Specification**

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has modified the specification as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-4, 7-12 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gabber, et al. (US 6,591,291 hereinafter Gabber. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 10 and 16 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Gabber appears to disclose a system and method for generating an alias source address for email. Gabber optionally generates a hash value of the destination address of the email message. As noted in the Gabber reference the only important step of generating an alias source address is that the alias source address is caused to be based on the destination address of the email message. (col 6, lines 6-8).

The present invention discloses a system and method for generating alias source addresses for email. The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to amended claim 1.

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1. (Currently Amended) An email service provider providing service to a user having a first user address associated with the provider's domain, comprising:  
a port receiving and transmitting email; and  
a server which  
selectively creates a dynamic address associated with a separate domain, used only for dynamic addresses, as a sending address associated with email transmitted to a target address from said first user address, said dynamic address being anonymously associated with said first user address, and  
selectively forwards email addressed to said dynamic address to said first user address. (emphasis added)

The Applicant respectfully asserts that Gabber does not teach or suggest the emphasized limitation in amended claim 1.

As described on page 8, line 22 through page 9, line 5, the Applicant's invention provides one or more separate domains for generating dynamic alias addresses for emails. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations. In contrast, Gabber bases the alias on a hash of the destination address.

As between claim 1 and the Gabber reference, the Applicant submits that independent claims 8, 10 and 16 contain limitations analogous to those found in claim 1. Claims 2-7, 9-12 and 15 depend from claims 1, 8, and 10 respectfully and contain the same limitations. For the above given reasons the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-12 and 15-16 be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)**

Claims 5 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gabber in further view of Maas, Robert E (Google Group news.admin.net-abuse.email, 6/5/1997 hereinafter Maas). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended as noted above. The limitation added by the amendment is not found in the Maas reference. Thus, Maas does not supply the limitation that is lacking in Gabber. Claims 5 and 13 depend from and contain the same limitations as amended claims 1 and 10. This being the case, Gabber and Maas, taken

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individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the subject matter of claims 5 and 13 as required by 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims.

Claims 6 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gabber in further view of Parker, Rob (Google Group news.admin.net-abuse.email, 6/17/1998 hereinafter Parker). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Parker reference does not supply the limitation missing from the Gabber reference. Claims 6 and 14 depend from and contain the same limitations as amended claims 1 and 10. This being the case, Gabber and Parker, taken singly or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the subject matter of claims 5 and 13 as required by 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims.

#### **Prior Art Not Relied Upon**

In paragraph 4, page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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